

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 4, 5, 10, 11, 17, and 18 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-3, 6-9, 12-16, 19, and 20 stand rejected. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and requests allowance of claims 1-3, 6-9, 12-16, 19, and 20. No new matter has been added.

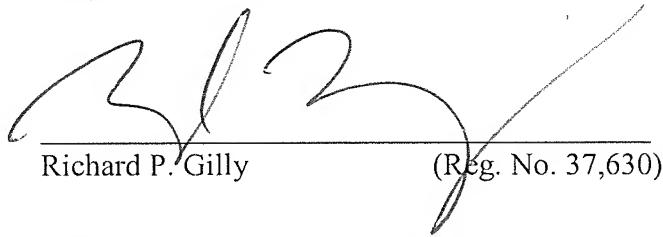
Claims 1-3, 6-9, 12-16, 19, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,318,479 (Lawroski). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

The communication of September 25, 2009 notes at page 8, that Lawroski fails to teach “a belt positioned on the full diameter portion of the shaft (the portion corresponding to Appellant’s normal belt position portion.” Claim 8 already recites this limitation, and independent claims 1 and 14 have been amended to recite such a limitation. Independent claims 1, 8 and 14 therefore include features that are neither taught nor suggested by Lawroski. Claims 2, 3, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, and 20 are allowable for the same reasons as claims 1, 8, and 14. As such, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. Should the Examiner not agree, a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues in an effort to expedite the allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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